GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5597
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
WORKING OF KENDRIYA BHANDAR
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

to the replies given to USQs 588 and 3703 dated November 22 and December 13, 2000 regarding working of Kendriya Bhandar and state:

(a) if so, the complaint has since been investigated;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the details of the action taken in the matter;

(d) the brands of computers the Kendriya Bhandar has been selling with configuration of those computers;

(e) the price the Kendriya Bhandar had been procuring them and at what price those were being sold with configurations giving details thereof;

(f) whether the officials of the Kendriya Bhandar were hand in glove but for that the computer could not have been supplied at higher prices than approved; and

(g) the action taken against the officials concerned with fixing the price, revision in prices and the details of the computers that were sold at higher prices than approved giving details for doing that and giving the details of the indents placed by the purchasers and copies of the invoices issued by Kendriya Bhandar and did every thing made clear in the invoices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE II DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to(c): A statement is annexed.

(d)&(e): Kendriya Bhandar has been selling hundreds of computers of different brands namely Wipro, Compaq, IBM, Acer, HP and HCL during the last two years with different configuration. The price of the computers depends upon its configuration, model(s), add on peripherals, accessories, warranty etc. Kendriya Bhandar adds upto 3% margin on the purchase price and sells to the consumers.

(f): The enquiry conducted by the Chief Vigilance Officer, does not indicate any irregularity or collusion on the part of Kendriya Bhandar.

(g): Does not arise in view of reply to (f) above. However, the concerned officials were transferred out of the Computer Section at the time of starting the enquiry itself.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5597 SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH FOR ANSWER ON 29.8.2001

Complaint of a delegate regarding sale of computers at higher rate (Rs.83,000 to Rs.85,000) compared to approved rate (Rs.60,509) was investigated by Chief Vigilance Officer, Kendriya Bhandar.

It was found that the difference between actual Suggested Retail Price i.e. SRP (Rs.64,790) of the computer and not Rs. 60,509 as alleged and price charged to customers is as under:

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SRP of Computer       Rs.64,790.00
Pentium III 450 Mhz/512KB/
Intel 440 BX Chipset/64 MB/
6.4 GB/Matrox G2000 8MB/Win 98 and
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Compaq V 45 14` Colour Monitor
Accessories

SRP OF CD ROM Rs.4,860.00
40X CD-ROM FOR EP AND EN

(Except SFF)

Carepaq Rs.8040.00
Desk top extended warranty
3/1/1 to 3/3/3 with 4 hrs. response (IRS)

Total Rs.77,690.00

LST, Freight, Insurance @ 6% Rs.4661.00
Cable, Mouse Pad, dust Cover Rs. 350.00

Grand Total Rs.82,702.00

In view of this, there was no need to take action against employees to alleged be involved as there was no material substance which came to surface in the enquiry conducted into the complaint of the delegate. The concerned officials have already been transferred out of the Computer Section when the enquiry by the Chief Vigilance Officer was started.